

RMHS Drama Club Presents

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S

Murder On The Orient Express

ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY
KEN LUDWIG

Directed by

Natalie Cunha

Assistant Directed by

Katie Donovan

FEB 11TH & 12TH @ 7:30

FEB 13TH @ 2:00

Presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French
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Winners will be drawn at the end of the matinee on Sunday!

“Fear is incomplete knowledge.” - Agatha Christie

This season we have been exploring fear with our seasonal theme of “Things that go bump in the night”. While this fall we laughed our way through the radioactive world of *Zombie Prom the Musical*, this winter we used all our cunning to develop the cast of characters and the eerie environment of the *Orient Express*. This fall we saw how fear can alienate, isolate, and turn into dangerous and unjust bias. This season we watch famous detective Hercule Poirot not only solve a seemingly unsolvable cold-blooded murder, but also wrestle with the internal questions that keep him up at night; what frightens me? Is the law always fair? What do I stand for? For many of us these questions keep us up at night too. The world around us asks much of our minds, bodies and souls. How far does fear drive us? Can fear in fact move us like a speeding train?

For the past three months the cast and crew have been delving into the mysterious world created by Agatha Christie. She was no stranger to the darker side of life with the mysterious circumstances of her death, her torrid and sad love life, and her struggles with mental illness. Perhaps this struggle in her own life was what laid the path for her to create tales with the tension filled climate of the *Orient Express*. Her keen intellect, creative genius and powers of deduction weren't able to shine in her stuffy man-lead world of England in the early part of the last century, so Hercule Poirot was born, to walk amongst the murders Agatha was solving in her mind. Whatever the reason, the chaos of her personal life made way for the creation of some of the most entertaining stories and iconic characters of literature today.

Every show that we produce can, at times, feel like that same creation through chaos. The cast and crew have worked from conception to production to make the show you are about to see a reality. With the added challenges of another wave of the ongoing pandemic, and the time-honored New England weather to contest with, the show created for you tonight was no small accomplishment. One thing I have already taken away from our focus on fear, is that pride and determination seem to overcome it at every turn. I am eternally proud of the students of the RMHS Drama Club, the actors and technicians that tackle each problem with fresh, new ideas and creativity. Who work together and instill hope in community and it's ability to overcome the darkest moments. The characters on the *Orient Express* know a little about that too. Thank you for being here and being a member of the arts community here in Reading. Thank you for your continued support of the Arts, we hope you enjoy *Murder on the Orient Express*

Natalie Cunha, Director

Cast

Hercule Poirot.....	Casey Vieira
Monsieur Bouc.....	TJ Korwan
Mary Debenham.....	Tallulah Patalano
Hector MacQueen.....	Quinn Synott
Michel the Conductor.....	Ria Cremin
Princess Dragomiroff.....	Laurie Wise
Greta Ohlsson.....	McKenzie Martin
Countess Andrenyi.....	Isabella Boyden
Helen Hubbard.....	Isabella Saggese
Colonel Arbuthnot.....	Owen Schromm
Samuel Ratchett.....	Jack Mendez
Head Waiter.....	Kendall Brown
Memory Daisy.....	Chloe Walker
Memory Mother.....	Bethany McGrath
Memory Father.....	Ellie Schank
Memory Nanny.....	Ruby Allen

Gray Cell Ensemble

Jack Mendez, Kendall Brown, Chloe Walker, Bethany McGrath, Leo Diedrich, Ellie Schank, Ruby Allen, Lauren Cook

Production Staff and Crew

Director.....	Mrs. Natalie Cunha
Assistant Director.....	Ms. Katie Donovan
Technical Director.....	Mrs. Natalie Cunha
Master Electrician.....	Mr. Kevin Gerstner
Costume Design.....	Mrs. Erline Trites
Lead Audio Design.....	Ms. HollyBeth Murphy
Producers.....	Mrs. Natalie Cunha & Ms. Katie Donovan
Stage Manager.....	Sadie Patalano
Assistant Stage Managers.....	William O'Connor, Maureen Manning
Dramaturg.....	Michele McCue
Student Lead Electrician.....	Josie Feltus
Light Board Operator.....	Ellie Brearley
Spot Light Operators.....	Natalie Kiernan, Kate Brokowski
Sound Board.....	Blake Thomas
Assistant Sound Board.....	Myles Lakin
Mic Crew.....	Lucas Scozzari, William Small
Deck Manager.....	Nate Boran
Deck Crew.....	Hannah Wiggins, Lily O'Callaghan, Grace Brown
Deck Crew/Scenic Paint Design.....	Paul Sorgi
Lead Props.....	Kylie Encarnacao
Assistant Props.....	Hannah Healey
Props Crew.....	Gianna Gagliardi

Production Staff and Crew

Lead Wardrobe.....Ellen Richards
Assistant Wardrobe.....Ashley McCue
Wardrobe Crew.....Bowen Willis, Katrina Van Magness
Clara Girouard
Lead Hair/Makeup.....Morgan O'Callaghan
Makeup Crew.....Mehak Bhola
Hair Crew.....Hope Duffy, Lily Bennett
Kate Whalen
Student Lobby Coordinator.....Timmy Duggan
Electrics Crew.....Gianna Gagliardi, Blake Thomas, Kate Brokowski
Josie Feltus, Myles Lakin, Ellie Schank, Ellie Brearly
Natalie Kiernan, Nate Boran, Ryla Demers
Program Design.....William O'Connor
Set Construction.....The Cast, Crew, and Parent Volunteers
Set Construction Coordinator.....Mrs. Natalie Cunha
Set Build Volunteers.....Mr and Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Whalen,
Mrs. McGrath, Mr. Healey, Mr. Synott, Mr. Wise

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Freshman.....TJ Korwan
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